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## FEBRUARY MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE

On February 27, HBS will have its first electronic meeting. We will be using Zoom meeting software. Don't worry: it's free, easy to use, and can be used on phones, laptop computers, desktop computers, and smart phones (although everybody would look very small!).

To participate, you need to download the Zoom software, from zoom.us—but you only need to download the Basic Personal Meeting Package. President Terese will host the meeting, and will send everyone an invitation with all the information you need to join.

The program will include part of a video of a recent talk by Liloa Dunn, grounds and collections manager, and Jesse Adams, botanic gardener, at Lyon Arboretum; discussions of HBS membership and dues, and officers and chairs for 2021; and a quiz on identifying bromeliads (see page 2 for more information). We will also feature a demonstration by Val of a recycling and reclamation project she's been working on that involves decoratively wrapping plastic seedling pots to create great hanging baskets for small bromeliads and succulents.

And we're also looking forward to interacting with everyone, and hearing about how you are doing.

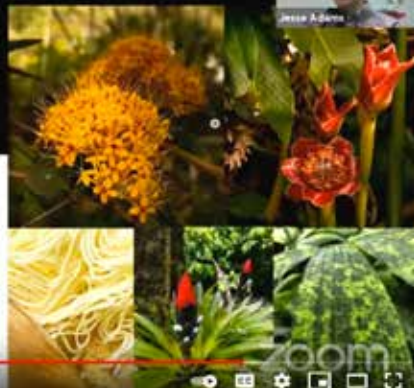
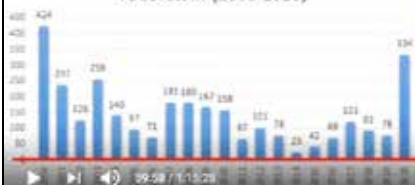


### State of the Plants

- 17,230 living plants
- 233 families
- Most Pan-tropical
- Represents 5,660 unique taxa

- Growing the collection
- New Accessions: 234 in 2020
- Outplants: 289 in 2020

Number of New Accessions at Lyon Arboretum (2000-2020)



### 2020 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS OF THE HAWAI'I BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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Chris Taylor

LIBRARY

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Karen Rohter

## FEBRUARY MEETING:

This Saturday,  
**February 27,**  
we meet at **12:30,**  
on **ZOOM.**

## PLANT ID REFRESHER

Can you tell an *Aechmea* from a *Vriesea*, a *Cryptanthus* from a *Neoregelia*, a *Billbergia* from a *Tillandsia*? The February program will also feature a short segment on identifying bromeliads, designed to help refresh our memories about some of the most recognizable features of some of the more popular genera.

But Beware: any member who cannot identify the genus of the bromeliad in the photo on the right is hereby sentenced to ten hours of community service helping Karen and friends in the bromeliad garden at Lyon Arboretum!



## MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again, time for HBS members to cough up our annual dues. It's the same price that it's been for over five years now: \$15 for an individual membership, and \$20 for a family membership, which according to our by-laws, "covers individuals with the same address." Because we're not meeting in person, dues can be mailed to the Hawai'i Bromeliad Society, at P.O. Box 61191, Honolulu, HI 96839.

**But**, before we break open our piggy banks or send any checks, President Terese would like input on whether we should make any changes to our dues because of the impact of Covid-19. In 2020, we were lucky to meet three times (in January at Lyon Arboretum, in February at Dole Plantation, and in July at Ho'omaluhia Garden), and this year, it looks like our in-person meetings won't start up again until Summer. So the question is whether, even without meetings, members feel we're still getting our money's worth.

What do members think? Should we pay dues as usual (cuz it's only \$15 bucks)? Waive dues because we're not meeting? Hold off on dues until we meet in person? We'll be discussing this issue during the Zoom meeting Saturday, but if you can't make the meeting, please let Terese know what you think.

## 2021 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

A new year also means that it's time for a new slate of officers and chairs. Just as a reminder, the officers include president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and the chairs include the corresponding secretary, newsletter editor, and the chairs for hospitality, library, membership, and social media. The president is empowered to preside over meetings and sign checks (and pardon members who don't label their plants). The vice president presides in the absence of the president, and helps develop and run meeting programs. The secretary takes the minutes at meetings, and notifies members of meeting times. The treasurer receives incoming funds for HBS, including dues and proceeds from auctions and sales, writes checks and pays bills, presents a report at meetings, and keeps the books.

The corresponding secretary conducts the correspondence of HBS and keeps copies of letters and records. The librarian is responsible for maintaining the organization's library, which is in the downstairs classroom at Lyon Arboretum, manages the circulation of materials, and suggests new items to acquire. The hospitality chair is responsible for overseeing the monthly assignments of food and drinks for the meetings, and maintains the stock of related supplies, like plates and utensils. The membership chair is responsible for keeping the membership list, and receiving dues and giving them to the treasurer. The newsletter editor produces a monthly newsletter to be sent to members one week before the monthly meetings. The social media chair administers our Instagram account.

Our current officers and chairs are President Terese, Treasurer Dolores, Secretary Stan, Membership Chair Chris, Hospitality Chair Susan, Librarian Leslie, Corresponding Secretary Karen R., Newsletter Editor Stan, and Social Media chairs Mischa and Karen K. Terese hopes that current officers and chairs will agree to continue for another year, and invites other members to volunteer as well—HBS has often had dual members serving in a position. In particular, Terese encourages members to consider becoming vice president, to preside over meetings when she cannot, and to help develop program ideas. She also implores anyone who reads this to consider taking over as President (and promises not to claim the election was stolen).